



**US Army Corps
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Savannah District

Biography

LIEUTENANT COLONEL GEORGE T. "THATCH" SHEPARD **Deputy Commander**

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District

Lieutenant Colonel George T. "Thatch" Shepard, Jr., became Deputy Commander of Savannah District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah, Ga., on July 21, 2005. Before arriving in the Savannah District, he served as Director of Public Works for the 80th Area Support Group at Chievres, Belgium, supporting the joint communities of the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE), the NATO Support Activity in Brussels, and the Joint Forces Command in Brussum, The Netherlands, as well as other U.S. activities in Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, and the Northern German states.

The Savannah District supports Army and Air Force installations in Georgia and North and South Carolina, and water resources activities in Georgia and portions of South Carolina. The Savannah District performs work nationwide and worldwide in support of master planning, family housing, barracks and other facilities. The Savannah District also provides support worldwide, as needed, to the nation during the Global War on Terrorism.

Upon graduation from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, Lieutenant Colonel Shepard was commissioned into the Corps of Engineers in May 1986.

His staff assignments include Platoon Leader, E (Mobile Assault Bridge) 1st Engineer Battalion (Combat); 1st Infantry Division (Mech); Platoon Leader, A/1st Engineer Battalion (Combat), 1st Infantry Division (Mech); Aide-de-Camp to the ADC-M, 1st Infantry Div.(Mech); Co XO, B/1st Engineer Battalion (Combat), 1st Infantry Div.(Mech), all at Fort Riley, Kan. He served as Assistant S-3, 84th Engineer Battalion (Combat)(Heavy); Commander, A/84th Engineer Battalion (Combat)(Heavy), both in Hawaii; then as Deputy Chief, Regulatory Functions Branch, New Orleans District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He returned to West Point as Instructor, Environmental Engineering, and Assistant Professor of Environmental Engineering, in the Department of Geography and Environmental Engineering. He served as Deputy



District Engineer, Wilmington District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Wilmington, N.C., before moving to SHAPE.

Lieutenant Colonel Shepard also holds a master of engineering in environmental engineering from the University of Florida. He is a registered Professional Engineer in the states of Virginia and North Carolina. His military education includes the Engineer Officer's Basic Course and the Infantry Officer's Advance Course, and the Sapper Leader Course. He has earned several military awards including the Meritorious Service Medal (four awards), Humanitarian Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (three awards), Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon (two awards), Army Achievement Medal (three awards), National Defense Service Medal, Armed Service Medal, Airborne Badge, Air Assault Badge, and the Ranger Tab.